

SEC. 1717. AUTHORITY TO PAY A HOME MARKETING INCENTIVE.

Subchapter IV of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

§ 5756. Home marketing incentive payment

Regulations.

"(a) Under regulations prescribed under subsection (b), an agency may pay to an employee who transfers in the interest of the Government an amount to encourage the employee to aggressively market the employee's residence at the official station from which transferred when—

"(1) the residence is entered into a relocation services program established under a contract in accordance with section 5724c of this title to arrange for the purchase of the residence;

"(2) the employee finds a buyer who completes the purchase of the residence through the program; and

"(3) the sale of the residence results in a reduced cost to the Government.

"(b)(1) The Administrator of General Services shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

"(2) The regulations shall include a limitation on the maximum amount payable with respect to an employee's residence. The Administrator shall establish the limitation in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. For fiscal years 1997 and 1998, the maximum amount shall be the amount equal to five percent of the sale price of the residence."

SEC. 1718. REVISION AND REENACTMENT OF ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO RELOCATION EXPENSES.

Section 5724a of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section 1714, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an employee who is reimbursed under subsections (a) through (e) of this section or section 5724(a) of this title is entitled to an amount for miscellaneous expenses—

"(A) not to exceed two weeks' basic pay, if such employee has an immediate family; or

"(B) not to exceed one week's basic pay, if such employee does not have an immediate family.

"(2) Amounts paid under paragraph (1) may not exceed amounts

determined at the maximum rate payable for a position at GS-13 of the General Schedule.

"(c) A former employee separated by reason of reduction in force or transfer of function who within one year after the separation is reemployed by a nontemporary appointment at a different geographical location from that where the separation occurred, may be allowed and paid the expenses authorized by sections 5724, 5725, 5726(b), and 5727 of this title, and may receive the benefits authorized by subsections (a) through (f) of this section, in the same manner as though the employee had been transferred in the interest of the Government without a break in service to the location of reemployment from the location where separated.

"(h) Payments for subsistence expenses, including amounts in lieu of per diem or actual subsistence expenses or a combination thereof, authorized under this section may not exceed the maximum payment allowed under regulations which implement section 5702 of this title.